

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4659
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.03.2026**

A-HWCs in Tamil Nadu

4659. Dr. Kalanidhi Veeraswamy:

Will the Minister of AYUSH be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of AYUSH Health and Wellness Centres (A-HWCs) approved, operational, and functional across the country, State/UT-wise including Tamil Nadu;
- (b) whether the Government has conducted any independent evaluation regarding patient footfall, service utilisation and health outcomes in A-HWCs since their establishment, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that several A-HWCs are functioning without adequate infrastructure, essential medicines, diagnostic support, and trained manpower, if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the details of the sanctioned and filled posts of AYUSH Medical Officers and allied health staff in these centres in the country, State/UT-wise;
- (e) the details of the total funds allocated, released, and utilised for A-HWCs during the last three years and the current year, year-wise; and
- (f) whether the Government proposes to integrate A-HWCs with existing State public health systems to avoid duplication of services and ensure efficient utilisation of public funds and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

**THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF AYUSH
(SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV)**

- (a) As per the proposals received from the State/UT Governments, 12500 Ayush Health and Wellness Centres [now known as Ayushman Arogya Mandir (Ayush) or AAM (Ayush)] have been approved across the country including Tamil Nadu, for operationalization by upgrading existing Ayush dispensaries & Sub Health Centres, under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM). Further, as reported by the States/UTs, all are operational/functional. The State/UT-wise number of approved & operational AAM (Ayush) are enclosed as **Annexure-I**.
- (b) Public Health being a State subject, the primary responsibility to conducting any evaluation regarding patient footfall, service utilization and health outcomes at Ayush Health

and Wellness Centres in the country including Tamil Nadu, lies with the respective State Government. However, regular monitoring & evaluation of the implementation of various activities of National Ayush Mission (NAM) scheme including AAM (Ayush), is done by the Ministry of Ayush. In this regard, field visits are conducted by the central team of the Ministry of Ayush, Regional Review Meetings & One to one meeting with States/UTs are conducted and activity-wise physical/financial progress is also collected on regular interval from the State/UT Governments. Further, as reported by State Government of Tamil Nadu, monitoring and evaluation of AAM (Ayush) are carried out at the district level by the District Siddha Medical Officers and designated Nodal Officers. They regularly review patient footfall, service utilization and health outcomes to ensure effective implementation.

(c) & (d) Public Health being a State subject, the primary responsibility to ensure availability of adequate infrastructure, supply of essential medicines, diagnostic support, deployment of trained manpower and maintaining record of sanctioned/filled posts at AAM (Ayush) in the country including Tamil Nadu, lies with the respective State/UT Government. As reported by State Government of Tamil Nadu, all AAM (Ayush) in the State are functioning with adequate infrastructure. These centres are mostly co-located within existing Ayush wings in Government health facilities with dedicated infrastructure. Essential medicines are supplied periodically based on requirement. Each centre is staffed with regular Assistant Medical Officers (Ayush) and supported by National Health Mission (NHM)/NAM manpower, ensuring adequate service delivery. Further, State Government of Tamil Nadu has deployed 650 Ayush Medical Officers (Assistant Medical Officers) at 650 AAM (Ayush), upgraded from Ayush dispensaries in the State.

(e) Under Centrally Sponsored Scheme of National Ayush Mission (NAM), consolidated funds are released to the State/UT Governments against the proposals submitted through State Annual Action Plan (SAAP), as per provisions of the NAM guideline. Funds are not being tied to the specific activity. Accordingly, the year-wise details of the funds released as Central share and utilised by the State of Tamil Nadu during the last three years and the current year are enclosed as **Annexure-II**.

(f) As reported by State Government of Tamil Nadu, AAM (Ayush) centres in the State are co-located within Government health facilities and integrated with the State public health system. Services of Accredited Social Health Activists (ASHA), Auxiliary Nurse Midwife (ANM) and Multipurpose Health Workers (MPWs) are utilised through coordination with the Health Department as per the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Departments. This ensures effective community outreach, referral services and integrated healthcare delivery.

Annexure-I**State/UT-wise details of approved and operational Ayushman Arogya Mandir (Ayush) under National Ayush Mission:**

S. No.	Name of States/UTs	Number of approved and operational AAM (Ayush)
1	Andaman & Nicobar Island	6
2	Andhra Pradesh	126
3	Arunachal Pradesh	89
4	Assam	500
5	Bihar	294
6	Chandigarh	12
7	Chhattisgarh	400
8	Delhi	0
9	Dadra Nagar Haveli and Daman Diu	1
10	Goa	100
11	Gujarat	365
12	Haryana	538
13	Himachal Pradesh	761
14	Jammu & Kashmir	523
15	Jharkhand	745
16	Karnataka	376
17	Kerala	700
18	Ladakh	0
19	Lakshadweep	7
20	Madhya Pradesh	800
21	Maharashtra	390
22	Manipur	15
23	Meghalaya	24
24	Mizoram	41
25	Nagaland	49
26	Odisha	422
27	Puducherry	4
28	Punjab	158
29	Rajasthan	2019
30	Sikkim	18
31	Tamil Nadu	650
32	Telangana	421
33	Tripura	72
34	Uttar Pradesh	1034
35	Uttarakhand	300
36	West Bengal	540
TOTAL		12500

Annexure-II

The year-wise details of the funds released as Central share and utilised by the State of Tamil Nadu during the last three years and the current year under National Ayush Mission:

S. No.	Year	Amount released as Central share (Rs. In lakhs)	Amount utilised (Rs. In lakhs)
1	2022-23	2428.686	2125.68
2	2023-24	6635.76	6431.24
3	2024-25	7380.32	5551.27
4	2025-26	1995.22	1995.22